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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action of December 18, 2002 the following remarks are submitted along with an amendment. Reconsideration of this application in light of these remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph inserted before the first line of the application as originally filed (cf. transmittal sheet filed November 6, 2001, item 4.a.) and in place of the deleted paragraph insert the following paragraph:

This is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/392,521 filed September 9, 1999, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/100,196 filed September 14, 1998, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.